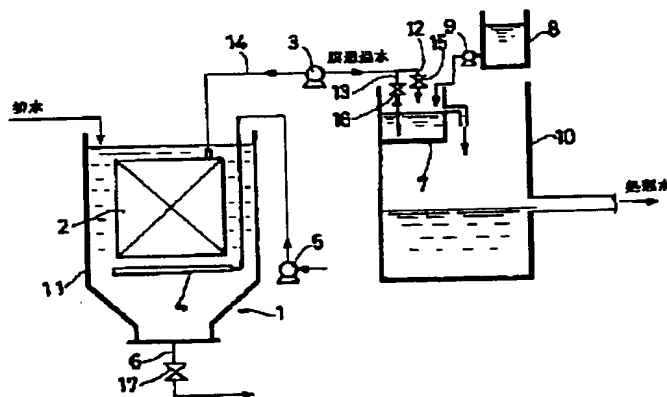


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SOLUTION: When a pump 3 for sucking the membrane-permeated water from a membrane separation tank 11 is stopped, the membrane 2 of a membrane separator 1 is backwashed with the membrane-permeated water contg. sodium hypochlorite. A normal-flow conduit 12 with the lower end positioned above the water surface of a cushion tank and a backwashing-flow conduit 13 with the lower end dipped in the water in the cushion tank are branched from the tip of a permeated water conduit 14 leading to the cushion tank 7 from the separation tank 11. Consequently, the membrane-permeated water is delivered through the normal-flow conduit 12, and, alternatively, the backwashing water is delivered from the cushion tank through the backwashing-flow conduit 13.

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